The Davao custom-house figures [6] show the United States leading in exports with Japan not far behind, show Japan controlling the import trade, and show that of the foreign vessels calling at Davao in 1934, there was only one American to every twenty-five Japanese. Fully eighty per cent of the business is in the hands of the Japanese.

Early in 1935 I visited Davao for the purpose of making a personal re-check of the situation in that much discussed province. From my steamer, which by the way was Japanese, Mount Apo was silhouetted in the distance as Fujiyama is in Japan. The analogy continued as I landed in the City of Davao. Except for the names of importing and exporting houses on buildings near the docks, I would have thought that I was arriving in Japan. If I had not known otherwise, no one could have convinced me that I was in the Philippines.

Japanese-speaking people. Japanese stores selling Japanese goods. Japanese schools. A fine Japanese hospital. A well-organized Japanese association. A Japanese Consulate. And outside of the City the Japanese social center at Mintal and Japanese plantations and industries. As one well-informed official whom I may not name aptly phrased it, the Japanese

[6] **Value of exports in pesos, from Davao in 1934:**

United States	**4,532,868**
Japan	***3^95,5*5***
Total exports including other countries	**10,073,276**

Value of imports to Davao in 1934:

United States	**23,834**
Japan	**55*>7«**
Total imports including other countries	**692,3x0**

Number of vessels engaged in high sea commerce trading at port of Davao in 1934:

American	**4**

Japanese .....- - -.....	**9$**
British .....*.....	**3***
Total including other countries.....	**15***

Statistics furnished by Mr. Emilio Velez, Collector of Customs at Davao.